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SUBJECT: VIEWS OF POLISH AMBASSADOR

1. AT INVITATION OF POLISH AMBASSADOR, DR. WITOLD JURASZ, I LUNCHEDED TODAY AND LISTENED TO HIS PERHAPS CONTRIVED FRANK COMMENTS ON THE SITUATION IN POLAND. JURASZ RECENTLY LOST HIS YOUNG WIFE BY DEATH FROM BRAIN TUMOR AND HAS REQUESTED TRANSFER TO WARSAW IN AUGUST BECAUSE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL STRAIN OF REMAINING IN AN EMPTY HOUSE IN CARACAS. HIS VICE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL BE HERE ON A THREE- DAY OFFICIAL VISIT COMMENCING MAY 15 AND AT THAT TIME JURASZ WANTS TO LINE UP A POSITION AS DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN WARSAW.

2. AMBASSADOR JURASZ SPOKE WITH GREAT FEELING ABOUT THE PRESENT PAUCITY OF TALENT IN POLAND IN THE GOVERNMENTAL CIRCLES. HE SAID, " THEY HAVE ALL BECOME LOWER MIDDLE- CLASS. ALL THEY WANT IS A CAR AND AN APARTMENT. THERE IS LITERALLY NO INTELLECTUAL STIMULUS IN POLAND OUTSIDE OF THE UNIVERSITY."

IN THIS CONTEXT HE CONFIDED THAT, HAVING ACHIEVED A PH. D. , HE WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY BUT AGREED WITH MY COMMENT THAT POSSIBLY HE MIGHT ACHIEVE A DUAL ROLE BOTH IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND AS A PROFESSOR AT THE
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UNIVERSITY. AMBASSADOR JURASZ SAID THAT ALTHOUGH POLISH UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS WERE ADMITTEDLY "SOCIALIST," THIS WAS THE LAST REFUGE OF LIBERALISM IN POLAND; AND HE DESCRIBED THE UNIVERSITIES AS AN ASYLUM.

3. PROBABLY TO CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF MY THOUGHT, AMBASSADOR JURASZ PROFESSED HIMSELF TO BE A GREAT ADMIRER OF MOLOTOV WHO HE SAID NOW LIVED AS A DISTINGUISHED OLD GENTLEMAN IN MOSCOW, WRITING WEEKLY MEMORANDA TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WHICH WERE NOT READ.

4. MY PERSONAL COMMENT WAS THAT HAVING KNOWN MOLOTOV FROM SAN FRANCISCO THROUGH THREE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLIES THE ONLY WORD I EVER HEARD HIM PRONOUNCE WAS NYET.

5. MY GUESS IS THAT PURPOSE OF LUNCHEON WAS FOR AMBASSADOR JURASZ TO TAKE OUT A MILD REINSURANCE POLICY IN CASE HE OR HIS CHILDREN WANT TO COME OVER THE WALL. HE SAID THAT HIS ONLY DAUGHTER WAS EXCEEDINGLY PROUD OF THE FACT THAT SHE WAS BORN IN WASHINGTON, D. C. WHEN I ASKED IF SHE WAS BORN WITHIN DIPLOMATIC JURISDICTION, HE REPLIED NO; AND I CAST A DELICATE FLY OVER HIS NOSE IN SAYING THAT ANY TIME SHE WANTED TO CLAIM AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP I SHOULD BE GLAD TO BE OF HELP.
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